

# Finish Line Judge and Timers

## Preparation and Duties

### 1. Equipment Needed

- a. Raingear
- b. Sunglasses, sunscreen
- c. Hat
- d. Water
- e. Chair, if needed.
- f. Clipboard, pen, and paper if needed.
- g. Flag (red and white)
- h. Rule Book (in equipment box)

### 2. Finish Line Officials Duties

- a. Attend Volunteer Meeting.
- b. Listen to the Head Finish Judge's instructions prior to the first race and during races.
- c. Record order of finish in all races.
- d. Instruct athletes to exit area or escort to the scorer's table as soon as race finishes and order of finish is established. Record finish on event sheets/cards at the finish line if used there.
- e. Be aware of oncoming athletes before you step onto the track or step across lanes
- f. Be aware of throwing or jumping events in area adjacent to finish line.
- g. In case of a disagreement with the order of finish, consult with the head finish line judge to assist in rendering a decision.
- h. When judging the finish, the place is judged at the moment when any part of the competitor's torso ( not including head, neck, arms, hands, legs, or feet) crosses the near edge of the finish line.
- i. After the race is over, judges go onto the track to identify their assigned place. Athletes are either escorted to the scorer's table or released once place determination is made and the event sheet/card filled out.
- j. Tip : When tracking athletes, especially on the sprints, pick them up at the 50 meter mark from the finish. At the 5 meter mark from finish, begin focusing on the finish line.

### 3. Timers Duties, if timing is used.

- a. Attend Volunteer Meeting.
- b. Listen to the Head Finish Judge's instructions prior to the first race and during races.
- c. Record the time of the place assigned all races.
- d. Once the race is finished, proceed to the scorer's table to give time. If events sheets/cards are used at the finish line, record times on the sheet/card.
- e. Prelim times must be recorded at Divisional and League Championship for record keeping.
- f. Clear the watch before at the race begins or after a false start.
- g. Use an index finger and not thumb to depress the start/stop button on the stopwatch.
- h. The stopwatch shall be started with the flash/smoke from the starter's pistol, not from sound.
- i. Record the time at the finish. When timing the finish, the place is timed at the moment when any part of the competitor's torso ( not including head, neck, arms, hands, legs, or feet) crosses the near edge of the finish line.
- j. Tip : When tracking athletes, especially on the sprints, pick them up at the 50 meter mark from the finish. At the 5 meter mark from finish, begin focusing on the finish line.

## Revision History

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